Lagayat, 31, Highway and Karate lying on the right bank of the river Teesta in West Bengal faced danger due to severe bank erosion. Flood Management being the State subject, the State Government of West Bengal has prepared requisite flood protection schemes for protection of the affected villages/areas amounting to Rs. 1720.33 lakh and submitted to Brahmaputra Board.

Declining in flow of river water

†887. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flow of water is declining in Indian rivers due to climate change; and

(b) whether Government is taking any measure to augment this important source of water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) The analysis of the average annual flow data of major rivers in the country does not indicate any significant decreasing trend.

(b) With a view to augment the water resources for utilization for various purposes, several measures are undertaken by respective State Governments which, *inter-alia*, include conservation of water resources through reservoir, traditional water bodies, rain water harvesting and artificial recharge to ground water.

Protection of sea erosion

888. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of State Government of Gujarat for protection of sea erosion pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) to (c) The Government of Gujarat had initially submitted a proposal indicating the requirement of funds for Anti-Sea Erosion works amounting to Rs. 530.20 cr to Central Water Commission (CWC) in July' 2008 for external assistance under the 'National Coastal Protection Project'. The proposal was examined and comments were offered by CWC to the Government of Gujarat suggesting necessary modifications. In the meantime, anti-sea erosion schemes amounting to Rs. 50.45 crore were submitted by the State Government to Central Water Commission for techno-economic examination and for consideration under Flood Management Programme – a State sector scheme approved during Eleventh Plan by the Cabinet. Out of the 10 schemes, one scheme has been cleared by CWC and sent to the Planning Commission

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

for investment clearance. The observations of CWC on other 8 schemes have been sent to the State Government suggesting certain modifications, which are awaited. One scheme (costing less than Rs. 1.0 crore) has been returned as it can be funded by the State Government from own resources. After obtaining all mandatory clearances including investment clearance from Planning Commission, the eligible proposals/schemes would be considered for central assistance by an Empowered Committee on FMP headed by Secretary (Expenditure), Ministry of Finance. The list of 10 schemes sent by the State Government of Gujarat is given in the Statement.

Statement

Schemes for protection of sea erosion

	Name of Scheme	Cost Estimate (Rs. in lakh)	Remarks
	1	2	3
1.	Proposal on providing coastal protection/sea wall from Sangam Narayan Temple to Gayatri Mandir at Dwarka Tal. Dwarka District Jamnagar	794.31	The scheme has been cleared by CWC and sent to the Planning Commission for investment clearance.
2.	Constructing Anti-Sea Coastal Erosion Earthen Bund at Village Dandi Taluka Olpad District Surat	559.00	Observations of CWC have been sent to the State Government of Gujarat for compliance; which is still awaited.
3.	Constructing Anti-Sea Coastal Erosion Earthen Bund at Village Dabhari Taluka Olpad District Surat from 0 to 4275m	306.00	-do-
4.	Constructing Anti-Sea Coastal Erosion Earthen Bund at Village Nesh-Karanj Taluka Olpad District Surat	340.61	-do-
5.	Protection against erosion of Sea Coast at Village Dumas, Taluka Choryasi District Surat	700.66	-do-
6.	Anti Sea Erosion work at Village Danti, Taluka Jalalpore, District Jalalpore, district Navasari Protection length 1260	484.95	-do-

	1	2	3
7.	Anti Sea erosion work at Village Samapore (Dandi), Taluka Jalalpore,	484.33	-do-
8.	Anti-sea erosion work at Village Fansa, Taluka Umargam, District Valsad	608.11	-do-
9.	Anti-sea erosion work at Village Maroli, Taluka Umargam, District Valsad	691.87	-do-
10.	Protecting Right side bank of Kanani Khadi at Village Sultanpore, Taluka Jalalp District Navasari	75.49	The scheme has been returned as it can be funded by the State Government from own resources
	TOTAL	5045.33	

Delegation of Commonwealth Games Federation

889. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:
SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delegates of Commonwealth Games Federation visited various venues and assess the progress of various works;

(b) if so, the details of the various venues visited by the said delegation;

(c) whether the said delegation has submitted their assessment report;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to expedite the works related to various venues and the details of targets for completion fixed by the Government for various venues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of venues visited by the Delegation are indicated in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) The steps taken by Government to expedite the works include increase in the number of supervisory staff and labour, increase in working hours, deployment of additional machinerys, close monitoring and procurement of critical and special items to complete the work within the revised target date. The expected dates of the completion of the venues are indicated in the given Statement.